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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the claims:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

 the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheets _____

5.

 This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).^{**}

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed." and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 18	YES
	Claims	none	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 18	YES
	Claims	none	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 18	YES
	Claims	none	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to a diagnosis system and method with real-time data verification, including an inserting catheter, a data detecting section with pressure sensors, and a control unit.

Reference is made to the following documents from the international search report.

D1 : US 4538621 A

D2 : US 5385563 A

D3 : US 5331548 A

D4 : US 5427114 A

D1 discloses a urodynamic catheter with lumens.

D2 discloses a urodynamic catheter with pressure-sensing lumens.

D3 discloses a computerized urological diagnostic method and system.

D4 discloses an apparatus for determining pressure at one or a number of intermediate points along a catheter inserted into a closed cavity.

None of the above documents anticipates the inventions disclosed in independent claims 1, 11, 15.

Also, none of them makes it obvious to a person skilled in the art to apply real-time data verification or a data detecting means with pressure sensors for a diagnosis system with a catheter.

Accordingly the subject matter of claims 1 through 18 appears to be novel, and involve an inventive step. (Article 33(2) and 33(3) PCT)

The industrial applicability of the subject matter of claims 1 through 18 is self-evident. (Article 33(4) PCT)